

It is important to ensure fellowship with God before the study of the Word.

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (**1 John 1:9**).

Standing on the Essence of God - -

Psalms 119:90 Your faithfulness continues throughout all generations; You established the earth, and it stands.

Matthew 7:7-8

“Ask, and it will be given to you; **seek**, and you will find; **knock**, and it will be opened to you. ⁸ **“For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.”**

Luke 18:1-8

¹ Now He was telling them a parable to show that at all times they ought to pray and not to lose heart, ² saying, “In a certain city there was a judge who did not fear God and did not respect man. ³ “There was a widow in that city, and she kept coming to him, saying, ‘Give me legal protection from my opponent.’ ⁴ “For a while he was unwilling; but afterward he said to himself, ‘Even though I do not fear God nor respect man, ⁵ yet because this widow bothers me, I will give her legal protection, otherwise by continually coming she will wear me out.’ ” ⁶ And the Lord said, “Hear what the unrighteous judge said; ⁷ now, will not God bring about justice for His elect who cry to Him day and night, and will He delay long over them? ⁸ “I tell you that He will bring about justice for them quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on the earth?”

On Prayer and Praying

- Importunate in prayer (**Luke 18:1-8**)
- Pressing a case –
 - > Building it requires *thought* and *doctrine*.
 - > Building it requires the filling of the *Holy Spirit*.
- In faith –
 - > **James 1:6** “But he must ask in faith without any doubting. . . .”
 - > **Matt. 21:22; Mark 9:23**
 - > *Trusting the Living God in light of the promises in His Word*
 - > *Wait with an attitude of expectancy* **Psalms 27:14; 37:7; 147:11; Isa. 40:31; Lam. 3:25.**
- Bearing witness ministry of Holy Spirit (**Rom. 8:16**)
 - > Earnestness
 - > Desire
 - > Present need
 - > Patience or peace about the matter . . . **Phil. 4:7**
 - To wait; knowing that He has heard your request
 - To continue pressing your plea before the Lord

Hebrews 4:16 “*Draw near with confidence to the throne of grace...*”

Do not lose heart or be discouraged!

Ephesians 6:18

What are you trusting in to pray? - - OR - - Who are you trusting in to pray?

Romans 8:11-16

But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you [*and He does*], He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

¹² So then, brethren, we are under obligation, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—

What are we under obligation to live according to *if the Spirit of God indwells us*?

- We are under obligation to live according to God the Holy Spirit.
- To live according to what God the Holy Spirit was sent into our life to accomplish.

¹³ for if you are living according to the flesh, you must die; but if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

- How do we put to death the deeds of the body?
- **Galatians 5:16** - But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.

Romans 8:6

⁶ For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace, ⁷ because the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God; for it does not subject itself to the **law** of God, for it is not even able to do so,

- **Law – νόμος – NOMOS** – “Principle or norm governing one’s actions”
- What is that *principle or norm*?
 - > The Mentorship of God the Holy Spirit
 - > The believer must depend on the Spirit to live his life.
- What’s the *mind set on the Spirit* mean? τὸ φρόνημα τοῦ πνεύματος

Φρόνημα – PHRONEMA

- > Way of thinking
- > Mind (set)
- > Aim
- > Aspiration
- > Striving

According to BAGD

A way of thinking where one endeavors to live according to the Mentorship of God the Holy Spirit

¹⁴ For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are **sons** of God.

- > Not τέκνον – TEKNON – “A young child”
- > But υἱός – HUIOS – “An adult son”
 - ... One who has a bit of maturity about him
 - ... One who can discern the Spirit’s ways with him
 - ... One that has the capacity to enjoy the added privileges and liberties of maturity

¹⁵ For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received **the Spirit** of adoption as sons by which we cry out, “Abba! Father!”

Galatians 4:6 Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!”

Romans 8:15 “we cry out Abba Father!”

Galatians 4:6 the Holy Spirit cries out “Abba Father”

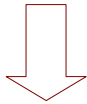
Who enables that identification in us?

¹⁶ The Spirit Himself testifies [*bears witness*] **to** our spirit that we are children of God,

Romans 8:26

In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness. . .

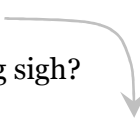
- Ὁσαύτως – HOSAUTOS – “Similarly; likewise; in the same way”



Romans 8:22

For we know that the whole creation **groans** and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now.

- From στενάζω – STENAZO – “To sigh”
- Why does creation groan or sigh?
- Why would someone or something sigh?



²⁰ For the creation [personified] was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope.

²³ And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body.

²⁶ In the same way the Spirit [Himself] also helps our weakness [ἀσθένεια – “our weakness or sickness; our inability”]. . .

When we are weak or sick we are incapable of doing things we should be able to do.

. . . for [γάρ – GAR – “because”] we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words [ἀλόγητος – “wordless” - inaudible];

The bearing witness ministry of God the Holy Spirit in action

A nondiscursive presence in the soul wrought by the Holy Spirit

Jeremiah 33:3 'Call to Me and I will answer you, and I will tell you great and mighty things, which you do not know.'

Matthew 18:19 “Again I say to you, that if two of you agree on earth about anything that they may ask, it shall be done for them by My Father who is in heaven. ²⁰“For where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst.”

All Scriptures quoted are from New American Standard unless otherwise noted.